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Council Hears Balanced Budget, Economic Outlook for FY 2027

by Erik Hanson

At the Greenbelt City Council meeting on March 23, City Manager Josué Salmerón presented the proposed city budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027, which runs from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

The balanced budget showed $41,748,149 in revenue in the General Fund (up 3.92 percent from FY 2026) with $41,741,246 in General Fund expenses (up 3.96 percent from FY 2026).

The majority of the city revenues come from real property taxes and income tax receipts. There are no property tax rate increases this year. The Recreation Program and Speed and Red-Light Camera Enforcement Programs are also important revenue sources.

Included in the General Fund budget are: 1) General Government; 2) Planning and Community Development; 3) Public Safety; 4) Public Works; 5) Greenbelt CARES; 6) Recreation and Parks; 7) Miscellaneous; 8) Non-Departmental; and 9) Fund Transfers.

Salmerón presented key influences on the budget. One was the broader fiscal condition that includes the end of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and reductions in federal jobs and contracts.

Another influence was increasing Greenbelt's employee compensation based on the FY 2024 Compensation Study. A 2 percent Cost of Living Adjustment was given to all employees, both full and part-time. In addition, employees are eligible for up to a 3 percent merit increase. The total number of employee full-time equivalents (FTEs) increased by one to 235.5. This increase was due to ARPA funds ending so the city now must directly pay the crisis intervention supervisor.

A third influence cited by Salmerón was providing for capital projects and reserves. Much of the capital project funding will come from grants.

Some new initiatives in the FY 2027 budget mentioned by Salmerón were $10,000 in

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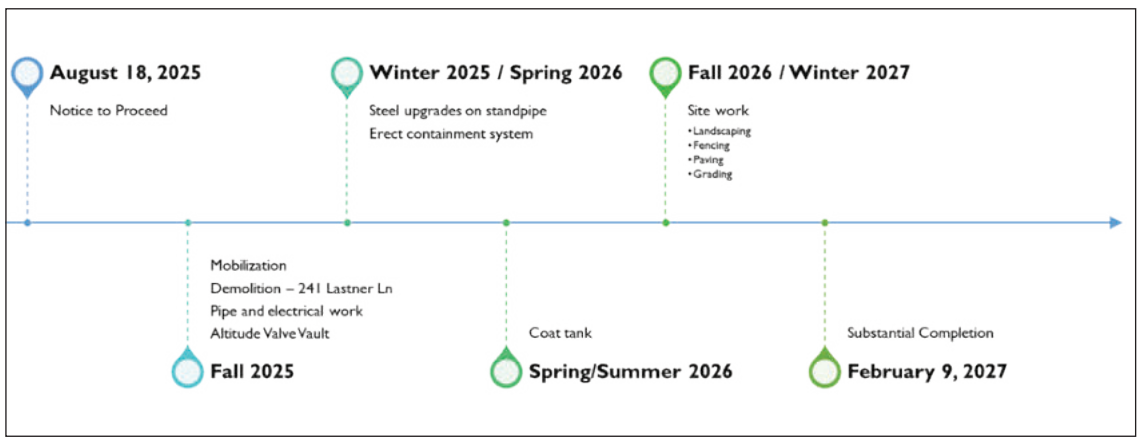
Noise, Poor Notice: Standpipe Project Disrupts Neighbors

by Laura Charleston



WSSC timeline of the Greenbelt Standpipe Rehabilitation Project, including type of work in each phase

Residents living near the Greenbelt Standpipe Rehabilitation Project say construction and ongoing sandblasting began without adequate notice, bringing prolonged noise and disruption to dozens of nearby households.

Neighbors say while they understand the need for infrastructure repairs, a lack of consistent communication from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has left families scrambling to cope with unexpected construction impacts.

House Demolition

Residents described being caught off guard when the house at 241 Lastner Lane, purchased by WSSC, was demolished without warning. They had not received any recent notification leading up to the demolition.

"We voiced our concerns about getting prompt communication, because they had done various small staging tasks before without giving the community, the surrounding neighbors, any kind of

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Greenbelt to Begin Stop Sign Camera Enforcement April 1

by Stephen Lotz

The City of Greenbelt is conducting a warning phase for its new automated stop sign enforcement program from April 1 through April 30, with citations to follow after the initial rollout.

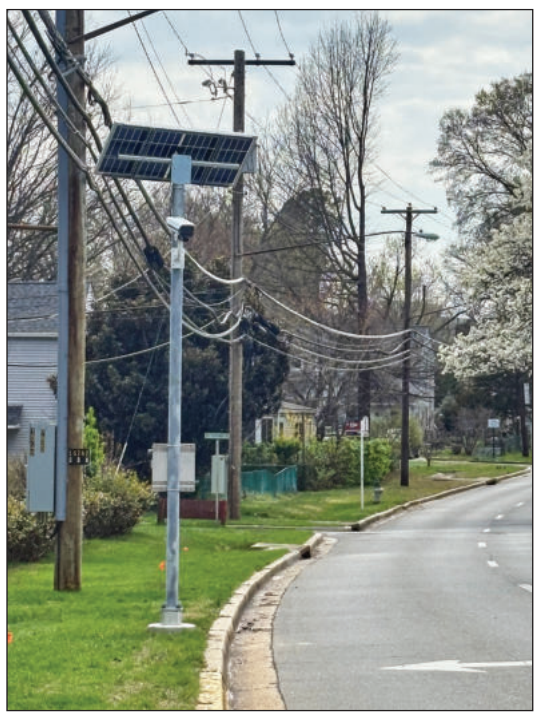

PHOTO BY LAURA CHARLESTON

A stop sign camera on Southway

The cameras, recently approved by the Greenbelt City Council, were installed at six intersections across the city. Officials say the program is intended to improve compliance with stop signs and increase safety for drivers, pedestrians and residents.

Locations include Southway at Ridge Road, Ridge Road at Gardenway, Ridge Road at Laurel Hill Road, Cherrywood Lane at Breezewood Drive, Springhill Drive at Edmonston Road and Springhill Drive at Cherrywood Lane.

During the warning period, drivers who fail to stop will not receive citations. Instead, the city will issue warnings in an effort to educate drivers and reduce violations before enforcement begins.

Potential Violations

The system identifies potential violations by measuring a vehicle's speed as it passes through an intersection. While state law requires a complete stop, the city has set a 4-mph threshold to determine when a violation is issued. Each potential violation is then reviewed by a city employee before a citation is issued. Violations captured by the cameras will carry a $40 fine. Drivers who come to a complete stop at or before the stop line will not be cited. State law requires drivers to come to a complete stop at the stop line or, if none is marked, at the near side of the intersection.

According to the city, the cameras are limited strictly to enforcing stop sign violations under Maryland law. They cannot be used to cite drivers for other offenses such as failure to use a seatbelt or distracted driving.

Vendor

The city confirmed that the vendor operating the system is Obvio, which installs, maintains and operates the camera system

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What Goes On

Monday, April 6
No City Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 8
7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession: Overview, Revenue & General Governmental/Other Funds/Non-Departmental & Fund Transfers/Economic Development/Planning and Community Development, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Election 2026

State and Federal Primary: Preview of Election Races

by Stephen Lotz

Maryland's primary election will take place on June 23. Greenbelt voters will see seven federal and state races on the ballot, ranging from House of Delegates to governor, with no ballot measures included.

Governor

In the governor's race, incumbent Wes Moore currently faces one Democrat challenger, Eric Felber, while Republicans have a crowded slate of candidates, including 2022 candidate Dan Cox. Other Republicans running are Carl Brunner Jr., L.D. Burkindine, Ed Hale, Douglas Larcomb, John Myrick and Michael Oakes. The lieutenant governor race mirrors those tickets, as candidates run in pairs.

4th Congressional District

At the federal level, in the 4th Congressional District, Rep. Glenn Ivey faces six Democratic challengers: Khyre Edwards, Anthony Field, Joseph Gomes, Shavonne Hedgepeth, Jakeya Johnson and Jonathan White. One Republican, George McDermott, is running.

Attorney General and Comptroller

Several statewide offices are uncontested on the Democratic side, including Attorney General Anthony G. Brown and Comptroller Brooke Lierman. Republican Sonya Dunn is also running for Comptroller, and Republican James B. Rutledge, III is running for Attorney General.

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PHOTO BY NICK HALL NH

Protesters were out in force for the No Kings rally in Greenbelt on Saturday, March 28. Common sign themes include anti-ICE, anti-Trump, pro-America and pro-rule of law, with many jabs at Trump's name showing up in the Epstein files. See page 12.

Letters to the Editor

No Kings Thanks

The Greenbelt Resistance Network, which organized the No Kings protest in Greenbelt on Saturday, March 28, wishes to thank all the No Kings participants and the Greenbelt Police, who ensured the safety of the community. Given the size of the crowd, their presence was very much needed and appreciated.

John Campanile
Greenbelt Resistance Network

Thanks for Highlighting Meals on Wheels

I've been meaning for some time to write in thanks for the March 6, 2025, Meals on Wheels article by Anna Bedford-Dillow. After reading last year I started making recurring monthly donations to Meals on Wheels of College Park; I so admire and respect their work. Many thanks to the News Review for showing the dignity of service and inspiring us readers to get involved.

Abby Logsdon

A New Deal Heritage Center?

We are in an auspicious time and place. Our nation is focused on the meaning of democracy.

Greenbelt is the crown jewel of over 100 communities built during the 1930s New Deal. Eleanor Roosevelt called Greenbelt "the first garden community in the land built for the uplift of the human spirit." How progressive and idealistic is that?

Our country needs to know that government exists for the people, not the other way around. We need to educate Americans on the amazing progress made by Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. Social Security was enacted. They solved an enormous environmental catastrophe, the Dust Bowl. Renewable electric power generated by Tennessee Valley dams and the Hoover, Grand Coulee and others produced 25 percent of the country's electricity by 1941. Bad government might have done that with coal. Almost all those hydro plants still operate today.

They built thousands of projects around the country. Art, music and culture were supported as at no other time in our history. The New Deal lasted until 1942 and created FDR's Arsenal of Democracy, essential to defeating WWII dictatorships. Developing New Deal style programs like Medicare and Medicaid continued into the 1960s and beyond.

Roosevelt said he wasn't concerned with those with plenty, but those without enough. The government that gave us our town strove to help people, not hurt them.

Greenbelt is the perfect

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greenbelt CINEMA

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129 Centerway
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www.greenbeltcinema.org

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Member kids are always FREE!

After 5 PM: adults $10, kids $7, senior/student/military $9

Before 5 PM:
general admission $8, kids $6

OC = Open Captions
CC = Closed Captions
DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES:
APRIL 3rd - 9th

The Drama (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (105 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 5:20 PM, 8:00 PM
Mon. 4:20 PM (OC), 6:40 PM
Wed. 7:50 PM
Thurs. 5:20 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:20 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 3:00 PM, 5:30 PM
Tue. 7:00 PM

The Super Mario Galaxy Movie
(PG) (CC) (DVS) (2026) (96 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 7:40 PM
Sun. 2:40 PM (OC)
Tue. 8:15 PM
Wed. 5:30 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 5:00 PM
Mon. 12:40 PM, 3:00 PM
Thurs. 5:00 PM

Project Hail Mary (PG-13)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (157 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 4:15 PM
Sun. 5:00 PM
Tues. 5:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 7:40 PM
Mon. 5:15 PM
Wed. 7:30 PM
Thurs. 7:20 PM

National Theatre Live: The Audience
(NR) (CC) (2013)(173 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 2:15 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sun. 11:50 AM

Three Days of the Condor
(R) (1975) (117 mins)
Cinema Classic, Free - no ticket/registration required
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Mon. 1:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

The Drama

A happily engaged couple (Zendaya and Robert Pattinson) is put to the test when an unexpected turn sends their wedding week off the rails.

The Super Mario Galaxy Movie

In this 2026 animated adventure comedy Mario, Luigi and Princess Peach embark on an adventure across the galaxy. Based on the 2007 video game Super Mario Galaxy and its 2010 sequel, as well as Nintendo's broader Mario franchise, the film was produced by Illumination and Nintendo and is the sequel to The Super Mario Bros. Movie.

Project Hail Mary

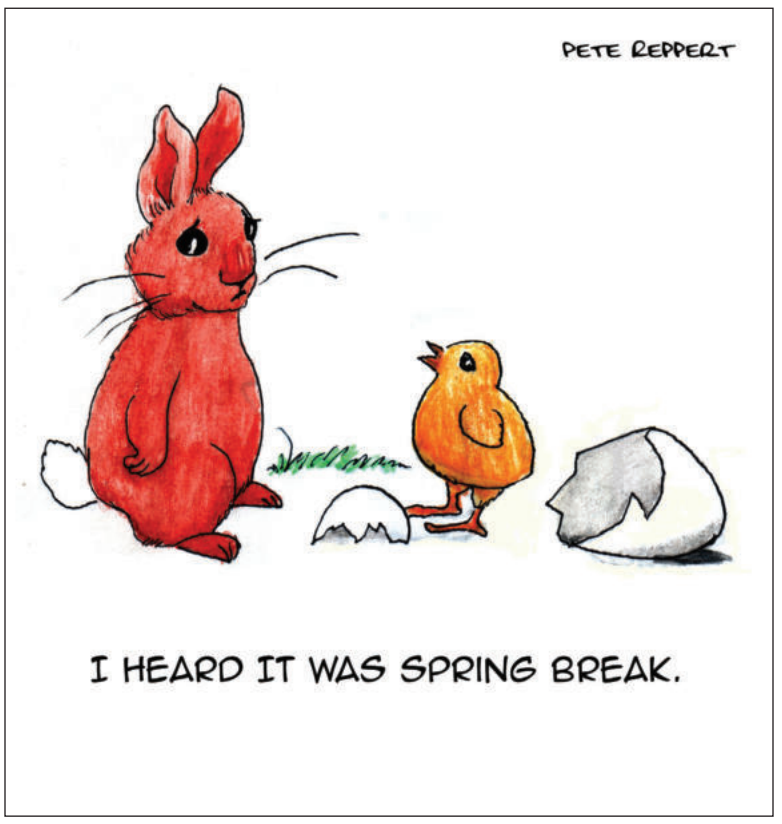
Science teacher Ryland Grace (Ryan Gosling) wakes up on a spaceship, light-years from home with no recollection of who he is or how he got there. As his memory returns, he begins to uncover his mission: solve the riddle of the mysterious substance causing the sun to die out. He must call on his scientific knowledge and unorthodox ideas to save everything on Earth from extinction, but an unexpected friendship means he may not have to do it alone. "[The film] is one of those giant, crowd-pleasing event movies that justifies the existence of movie theaters by being so gorgeously lensed that it demands audiences see it on the biggest screen possible," said critic Jared Rasik of Metro Times, Detroit, Mich.

National Theatre Live: The Audience

For 60 years, Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) met with each of her 12 prime ministers in a private weekly meeting known as The Audience. From Winston Churchill to Margaret Thatcher and David Cameron, the Queen advised her prime ministers on matters both public and personal. Through these private audiences, the viewers can see glimpses of the woman behind the crown and witness the moments that shaped a monarch.

Three Days of the Condor

On a seemingly ordinary day, Joe Turner (Robert Redford), a quiet CIA codebreaker, walks into his workplace and finds that all of his coworkers have been murdered. Horrified, Joe flees the scene and tries to tell his supervisors about the tragedy. Unfortunately, he soon learns that CIA higher-ups were involved in the murders. With no one to trust, and a merciless hit man (Max von Sydow) close on his tail, Joe must somehow survive long enough to figure out why his own agency wants him dead.



Story & Photograph Submissions

We welcome your stories and photographs about all things Greenbelt. While publication is not guaranteed, your submissions help us cover more of what goes on. Stories will be copyedited. Remember to include captions and identify people in photographs. See the information box on this page for publication deadlines and how to submit materials.

Letters Policy

Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.

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Community Events

At the Library

Greenbelt Library's regular hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

Storytimes

Friday, April 3, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15970627.

Wednesday, April 8, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15970054.

Thursday, April 9, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15970273.

Nature Art

Saturday, April 4, noon, ages 13+. The Urban Studio presents a free hands-on, creative workshop connecting art, nature and place. Participants in this interactive experience are introduced to local nature through guided art-making. They learn how to observe plants, landscapes and everyday outdoor spaces, then translate what they see into simple, bold coloring-page designs. The workshop blends drawing, design and environmental learning. Participants explore native plants and animals, rain gardens or neighborhood green spaces and create original line drawings that can be used as coloring pages for themselves or shared with others. Premade coloring pages are also provided. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15601919.

Legos Build

Monday, April 6 at 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Build, create and explore with Legos. With plenty of pieces and endless possibilities, kids can let their imaginations take the lead in this freestyle building session. Register at pgcmls.info/event/15827993.

Apply for a Passport

The Greenbelt Library, along with five other county library branches (Accokeek, Largo-Kettering, Laurel, New Carrollton and Oxon Hill), serves as a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility. Applications are accepted by appointment only; schedule a 30-minute appointment up to 30 days in advance by calling the Library at 301-345-5800 or visiting pgmls.info/passport-services.

Greenbriar Community Association Elects Board

The Greenbriar Community Association held its annual meeting on March 24. The officers elected to the Board of Directors are as follows: Jeanette Gordy, president; Dorothy Peck, vice president; Carol Adams, secretary; Therese Benedik, secretary; Jaime Gonzalez, director.

Arts Advisory Board To Meet April 7

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Discussion topics will include recognition groups, new recruits, the next arts mixer and a temporary public art display. Greenbelt citizens who may be interested in joining the board are encouraged to attend. For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, email alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.

Spring Stroll in North Woods Sunday, April 5

Come enjoy a relaxed stroll in the spring woods on Sunday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be two loops about one mile each, starting in GHI Woodlands and going into the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Everyone is welcome to join for as much or as little of the walk as they'd like. Meet at the Canyon Creek Trailhead, between 58 and 62 Ridge Road. Wear sturdy shoes and clothing suitable for uneven dirt trails which may have some briars on the edges. For more information contact Bryan Bruns at EyeReWild@gmail.com or 850-217-0677.

Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center.

April 8, Speaker: Jutta Brettschneider of The Movement Clinic in College Park: Occupational Therapy and Feldenkrais® Services for Children and Adults

April 15, Anniversary Luncheon, Holiday Inn, College Park

April 22, Spring Ticket Auction. Bring small bills to bid.

April 29, Bingo

April 8 will be the last day to pay 2026 membership dues for those who want their name to appear on the annual membership list that will be distributed at the annual anniversary luncheon. Pay with a check made out to Greenbelt Golden Age Club. If paying with cash, have the exact amount.

Yarn Donations Needed

Gifts from the Heart is a group of knitters and crocheters meeting Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Center, Room 109. Every year they donate hundreds of hats, scarves, shawls, blankets, walker bags and baby items to schools, churches, nursing homes, Project Linus and other organizations. Donations of acrylic yarn are welcome and may be dropped off when the group meets.

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Museum Hosts Welcome Spring

PHOTO BY SHEILA MAFFAY-TUTHILL

Museum volunteer Geraldine Adams at the victory garden

The community is invited to the Greenbelt Museum for its annual spring open house and Welcome Spring event on Sunday, April 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. Museum staff and volunteers will be giving free house tours, as well as planting a demonstration victory garden. Children will be able to plant a seedling to take home. Come help celebrate spring at the Museum at 10 A and B Crescent Road.

More information can be found on the website at greenbeltmuseum.org.

April 9: Adventures Past and Future Await

The Greenbelt Rotary Club will host Hannah Baker, vice president of Venture Crew 746. She will present a retrospective of the Crew's recent adventures and preview the 100-mile canoe adventure planned for this summer. This event is a must-see for anyone aged 14 to 20 interested in outdoor skills and challenges. The event is Thursday, April 9 at the Community Center, Room 114, with refreshments and conversation at 6:30 p.m., followed by the 7 p.m. talk. Scouting America Venture Crew 746 is an organization for all 14- to 20-year-old youth that teaches leadership, service, teamwork and resilience through adventurous outdoor activities, including canoeing, backpacking, climbing and more.

The Greenbelt Rotary Club meets every Thursday at the Greenway Center IHOP at 8 a.m., except the second Thursday of the month when club members host this evening speaker series.

Easter Service at Community Church

Greenbelt Community Church invites all to celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 5 at 10:15 a.m. Reverend Aubra Love is preaching. Communion will be celebrated and all are welcome to partake.

There will be an Easter egg hunt for children and youth on the lawn. In case of rain, the hunt will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and refreshments will be available after the service.

Greenbelt Community Church is located at 1 Hillside Road.

English, Spanish Story Time April 10 at SLRC

On Friday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SLRC), Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will present stories and activities in English and Spanish for young children and their caregivers. Afterwards, children can stay and play in the gym. There will be free children's books and free healthy nutritious snacks.

Los Niños Leen y Juegan

El viernes 10 de abril a las 10:30 a.m. en el Centro Recreativo de Springhill Lake, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) con el Sistema de Bibliotecas Conmemorativas del Condado de Prince George's presentarán historias y actividades en ingles y español para niños pequeños y sus cuidadores. Después, los niños pueden quedarse y jugar en el gimnasio. Habrán libros infantiles gratis y aperitivos saludables y nutritivos.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

PORCH Initiative: More Important Than Ever

The local community food drive model is more important than ever. PORCH remains committed to providing nonperishable food and fresh produce to children and their families.

Greenbelt PORCH is continuing its program to collect food in the month of April as scheduled below. Food placed on porches by the time listed will be picked up after that time.

Saturday, April 4 – by 9 a.m. for 23-26 Courts Ridge Road

Monday, April 6 – by 5 p.m. for 18 Court Ridge Road

Sunday, April 12 – by 11 a.m. at 1-8 Courts Ridge Road, 1-8 Courts Crescent Road and 1-2 Courts Westway

Saturday, April 18 – by 9 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, April 19 – by 4 p.m. for 33 Court Ridge Road, Boxwood Village and P.A.L. (PORCH at-large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors). Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler by noon on April 19 at spreadruak@gmail.com and he will come to your porch.

Sunday, April 19 – by 5 p.m. for Eastway

Saturday, April 25 – by 10 a.m. from Mathew Street to Megan Court including Brett Place

Sunday, April 26 – by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive

Sunday, April 26 – by 6 p.m. for 11-S Ridge Road, 14 and 16 Courts Ridge and 8 and 10 Courts Southway

Greenbelt Chess Club April Meetings

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on the Tuesdays of April 14, April 21 and April 28. The meetings are held at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:50 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. To be added to the mailing list, visit tinyurl.com/ycy2nz4m and complete the brief form. Email questions to greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com.

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TH 4/02	FRI 4/03	SAT 4/04	SUN 4/05
Wolf's Blues Show & Sit-In Jam 6:30 - 10pm A big, bodacious boogie blues jam hosted by Wolf Crescenze	NEW DEAL CAFE DEBUT! Funhouse 8 - 11pm Brings an unusual blend of American blues with good ol' rock & roll, R&B, and soul	Proverbs Reggae Band 8 - 11pm A positive, unique rootz reggae band using strong musical expressions	EASTER DAY SPECIAL EVENT: Gospel Brunch 2 - 6pm Tickets at the door

MON 4/06	TUES 4/07	WED 4/08	TH 4/09	New Deal Cafe
MONDAY MAUVENESS KARAOKE 6 - 9pm W/ MIKE BENNETT INFINITE	S.A.W. Open Mic 6 - 9:30pm Sign ups begin at 6pm; Open Mic starts at 6:30p	BIBLIOPHILES BOOK CLUB, 11a - 12p Still Cookin 7 - 9pm Hot blues, cool rock and soul	Reggie Right Eye & The Missing Pieces 7 - 9pm Blues, rock, & rockabilly from top DMV musicians	IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY RENEWED OR BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NDC, NOW IS THE TIME! See link below*

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Obituaries

Linda Fuchs Gehrmann

On March 26, 2026, Linda Fuchs Gehrmann died peacefully after a battle with cancer.

Linda was born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and at a young age moved to Greenbelt with her parents and siblings into their home on Lakeside Drive. After finishing grade school at St. Hugh's, she went on to graduate from Elizabeth Seton High School with the class of 1972.

Linda was a dedicated IT technical specialist for over 40 years at Goddard Space Flight Center, providing valuable professional contributions on numerous projects.

Linda would surely say she was most proud of being a wonderful mom and doting grandmother and great-grandmother. She passed along the guidance and wisdom she learned from her parents and grandparents.

A longtime resident of Lanham and Greenbelt, Linda enjoyed attending Greenbelt's annual special events and catching up throughout the year with all of the familiar faces when going to the Center or eating at Generous Joe's or the American Legion. She also volunteered her time over the years to activities at St. Hugh's Church.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Magdalene Fuchs, and her husband Garry. She is survived by her children Shawn (Stephanie) and Melissa; grandchildren, Shawn Jr., Kyle, Nathan and Caylee; and great-grandchild, Shawn. She is also survived by her siblings Jackie, Valerie, Charles, Janet, Mark and Karen; and by many nieces, nephews and other extended family members.

John P. Waters, Jr.

John P. Waters, Jr. of Greenbelt was born on the hottest day of the year in 1930 before the comfort of air conditioning, and died on March 14, 2026, at age 95. He was under hospice care in an assisted living facility in Melbourne, Fla., due to complications of Alzheimer's and a stroke in May 2025. He was the only child of Ethel Turner Waters and John Power Waters, Sr. and grew up near his grandparents and many cousins from the Granados side of the family in Riverdale. From an early age, he showed a deep love for animals and the outdoors – he once caught a red-shouldered hawk and trained it. He also had a pet fox and other animals.

In 1948, John enlisted in the United States Navy with a few of his good friends and they all proudly served together during

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Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family, friends, fellow parishioners and former coworkers of Linda Fuchs Gehrmann, a longtime Greenbelter and graduate of St. Hugh's School, who had a long and distinguished career at Goddard Space Flight Center.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of John P. Waters, Jr., who moved to the Lakewood community in the first completed home and lived there many years. He died in Florida on March 14 at the age of 95.

Congratulations to the top three players in Greenbelt Chess Club's March 24 tournament: Carl Sanders, first place; Kyle Hosey, second place; and Alicia Deligianis, third place.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

"Religion must be the cause of unity, harmony and accord amongst men." – Bahá'u'lláh

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
www.greenbeltbahais.org

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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
April 5, 2026, at 3 p.m.
Seven Steps to Heaven
Anthony Jenkins with Worship Associate Jacqui Walpole
In the spirit of our April theme (Thanks) and of Easter Sunday, we'll shine some grateful light on the Good Friday element of the Easter story.
Streaming on PBUUC's Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 2 7:30pm +
Saint Hugh Catholic Church
135 Crescent Rd.
sthughofgrenoble.org
The Paschal Triduum
Good Friday
April 3
11am: Living Stations with the Confirmandi
2pm +: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Easter Sunday
Saturday, April 4 8pm +
The Great Vigil of Easter
Sunday, April 5
Masses
8, 9:30, and 11am +
+ *live streamed on YouTube*

Holy Week and Easter
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
Maundy Thursday, April 2
7:30 pm
Good Friday, April 3
Noon & 7:30 pm
Holy Saturday, April 4
10 am, *Easter Egg Hunt (begins promptly at 10 am)*
7:30 pm, *The Great Vigil of Easter*
Easter Sunday, April 5
10:30 am, *Festival Holy Eucharist*
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
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All are welcome!
saeccp.org

City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

CITY OF GREENBELT
FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

235.5 FTE

BUDGET WORK SESSION SCHEDULE

The Greenbelt City Council will hold a series of work sessions throughout April and May to review and discuss the FY2027 Proposed Budget with City staff. Community members are encouraged to tune in or attend to learn more about upcoming plans and priorities for our city.

Join us in person at 25 Crescent Road, or virtually via YouTube, the Greenbelt website at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV livestream, Zoom, or on Verizon and Comcast cable channels.

View the full schedule of work session dates below:

- (April 8) Budget Work Session - Overview, Revenues, General Government, Other Fund, /Non-Departmental Funds, Fund Transfers, Economic Development, Planning & Community Development
- (April 15) Budget Work Session - Public Works and Capital Projects
- (April 20) Budget Work Session - Miscellaneous, Grants & Contributions, CARES, Greenbelt Cinema
- (April 22) Budget Work Session - Recreation
- (April 27) 1st Public Hearing
- (April 29) Budget Work Session - Public Safety
- (May 4) Budget Work Session - Green Ridge House
- (May 6) Budget Work Session - Recognition Groups (Group 1)
- (May 11) 2nd Public Hearing
- (May 13) Budget Work Session - Recognition Groups (Group 2)
- (May 18) Budget Work Session - Final Budget Review
- (May 26) Budget Adoption

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 6 - 10

Monday, April 6, **NO MEETING - EASTER MONDAY**

Tuesday, April 7 at 3 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES** ***Public Works Building, 555 Crescent Road,*** *On the agenda: Final Discussion of the 2026 Arbor Day event for Greenbelt*

Tuesday, April 7 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADVANCING PUBLIC SAFETY** - ***Virtual Meeting,*** *On the agenda: Planning Invest in Our Youth Summit, Review of Police Dept submitted updated General Orders, Review of Greenbelt Resistant Network inquiries/concerns*

Tuesday, April 7 at 7 pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION** ***Virtual Meeting,*** *On the agenda: Discuss Preliminary Recommendations, Announcements*

Wednesday, April 8 at 7:30 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - OVERVIEW, REVENUES & GENERAL GOVERNMENT/OTHER FUNDS/NON-DEPARTMENTAL & FIND TRANSFERS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Wednesday, April 8 Immediately following Budget Work Session, **SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Thursday, April 9 at 7 pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING** - ***Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road,*** *On the agenda: TBD*

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (8) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, immediately following the Budget Work Session - Overview, Revenues & General Government/Other Funds/Non-Departmental & Fund Transfers/Economic Development/Planning & Community Development: 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and 2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction.

2) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation..

The public may attend the Budget Work Session prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

- Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In the City of Greenbelt, we remain committed to embracing and celebrating the diversity of all. As our nation undergoes change, feelings of pride, uncertainty, and even fear may arise. Yet, we stand firm in the pledge that has defined Greenbelt since its inception and will not falter.

Learn more at https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/know-your-rights-immigration-resources.

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

OFFICIAL NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a public hearing to be held during the Regular Meeting of Council **Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:30 pm**

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED PUBLIC UTILITY TAX RATE OF $2.50 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027.

This is the first Public Hearing on the proposed Public Utility Tax Rate. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All residents of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the proposed Public Utility Tax Rate.

Copies of the proposed Public Utility Tax Rate may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The proposed Public Utility Tax Rate is also posted on the City website at http://www.greenbeltmd.gov. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

- Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Deputy City Clerk

FREE VISION & HEARING SCREENINGS

March 5 from 10am - 1 pm

Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East

GAIL presents **Once Upon A Greenbelt!** This event is for Greenbelt Residents only.

The GAIL program, in partnership with the Lions Club, is providing free vision and hearing screenings for parents and children in elementary and middle school. This initiative is designed to encourage children to put down the tech and dive into a fun book with family. The event helps ensure that children and parents can see clearly, read confidently, and build a strong foundation for learning.

Use the QR code and fill out a form to register.

SCAN ME

DRAFT CEMETERY PRESERVATION MASTER PLAN

The City of Greenbelt has contracted with JMT to prepare a Preservation Master Plan for the preservation, maintenance and use of three historic cemeteries. View the draft of the Cemetery Preservation Master Plan using the QR code or by clicking here. The project is being funded by a grant received from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority/Maryland Historic Trust. You can learn more and stay updated by visiting the City of Greenbelt website.

The City is **accepting comments** on the Draft Cemetery Master Plan until April 24, 2026. Comments can be submitted to the Department of Planning and Community Development Director Terri Hruby at thrubygreenbeltmd.gov.

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

Tuesday, May 5 from 10 am - 1 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

This free health screening is for adults 18+. No insurance or ID required. Available screenings: Blood pressure, A1C testing, Glucose testing, and/or Cholesterol screening

Register at https://forms.gle/v5jabqbbAuL88YcS9.

Contact: Canela Bascolo at (240) 542-8810

or cbascolo@greenbeltmd.gov

Presented by Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) and Luminis Health

GREENBELT LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY

Saturday, April 11 from 10 - 11 am

Braden Baseball Fields, 101 Centerway

Join us for the opening day of Greenbelt Little League's 75th season! Come celebrate the milestone with food truck's, raffles, and the parade of teams. Included in the opening day ceremonies will be a ribbon cutting for the newly renovated baseball fields.

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Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Committee on Trees, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Community Relations Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, or Youth Advisory Committee and make a difference in Greenbelt!

Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

Sign up for ARTFANS, a weekly e-newsletter, at www.greenbeltmd.gov/list.aspx.

Artist's Studio Space
Apply by 4/17 to the Artist in Residence Program at the Greenbelt Community Center. Monthly rent: $246.11. Info and application: https://bit.ly/4uR1RtO.

April Artful Afternoons
4/12; 1-2pm & 2-3pm (Greenbelt Community Center) 4/19; 1:30-2:30pm (Springhill Lake Recreation Center). Attract fairies to your spring garden with a ribbon hanging. Sign up here: sugeni.us/entx.

Friends & Family Workshop: Paper Quilling Blossoms & Bugs 4/3; 5:30-7pm (Greenbelt Community Center) Make beautiful spring designs with rolled paper. Registration required - see page 13 of the Spring Activity Guide. Residents: $5, Non-residents: $10.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **Uke Jam** 4/12; 1:30-2:30pm (Greenbelt Community Center) sign-up: sugeni.us/enfB
- **April Art Share** 4/19; 2-3pm (Greenbelt Community Center) sign-up: sugeni.us/ekEO
- **Art Studio Open House & Sale** - save the date! 5/3; 1-4pm (Greenbelt Community Center)

Arts & Entertainment

NASA Goddard MAD Theater Presents Comedy at Rec Center

by Anne Gardner

Opening on Friday, April 10, Goddard's Music & Drama Club (MAD) will present 12 performances of Ken Ludwig's hilarious farce, Moon Over Buffalo, directed by Randy Barth and produced by Greenbelter Susan Breon. Each show will begin with a short musical cabaret entitled Wrong Turn, Right Song, immediately followed by the play.

Moon over Buffalo is a comedy about a husband-and-wife acting duo, George (played by Greenbelter Jon Gardner) and Charlotte Hay, who are performing in repertory in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1953. Their careers are on the brink of disaster when they learn that famous film director Frank Capra might be coming to see their show, giving them a potential last chance at Hollywood stardom. However, everything that can go wrong does go wrong. With slamming doors, mistaken identities and costume malfunctions, this hilarious play has all of the classic elements of a farce. Parental Guidance suggested: some material may not be suitable for children.

PHOTO BY RANDY BARTH

Cast members from Ken Ludwig's Moon over Buffalo, from left: Howard (James Pildis), Roz (Katie Frye), Paul (Courtney McIntosh), Eileen (Makkie Haller), George (Jon Gardner), Charlotte (Jill Goodrich), Ethel (Joanne Breen) and Richard (Bob Singer)

Wrong Turn, Right Song, directed by Cathy McCoskey and Keshav Swaminathan, is a cabaret for anyone who's ever zigged when they should have zagged. Through torch songs, comedy and confessions set to music, the performers will celebrate the detours, disasters and happy accidents that somehow led us exactly where we needed to be.

Other Greenbelters involved in the production include Courtney McIntosh (Paul), Bernard Kelly (cabaret soloist), Lynne Slater (props and set dressing), Ian Blackwell Rogers (combat coach), Christine Doran (sales manager) and Anne Gardner (publicity).

The production will run from April 10 to 25 at the Barney & Bea Recreation Center, 9998 Good Luck Road. On Fridays the show will start at 7 p.m.; on Saturdays, April 11 and 18 at 7 p.m.; on Sundays at 2 p.m.; and on closing Saturday, April 25 at 2 p.m. Tickets must be bought in advance. Visit madtheater.org for more information and ticket sales. There are discounts for opening weekend and for groups of 10 or more.

A Review

Dancing Joy: A Field Trip Across The World in One Artful Afternoon

by Gloria Walters-Flowers

As the Greenbelt Cinema welcomed moviegoers through its doors on Sunday, March 22, many may not have known the treat that was in store for them. After grabbing sweet and savory snacks, visitors settled into their seats to watch dancers from all over the world perform to one very famous musical piece, Beethoven's Symphony No.9, Ode to Joy.

PHOTO BY GLORIA WALTERS-FLOWERS

After the screening of Dancing Joy, producer Kate Tsubata and her daughters, director Lan T. Lee and editor Mie Smith speak about the making of the film and its journey to the screen.

The beautiful film invited the audience on a world tour that offered breathtaking scenery, energizing footwork and sometimes soft, delicate movements, as well as colorful authentic costumes and regalia with dedicated dancers, all designed to share in the hopeful message of joy, unity and brotherhood. Dancers from Fiji, Indonesia, Botswana, South Korea, Rwanda, Honduras and other countries graciously shared their culture and traditions in one accord; all done without words. The music and universal body movements told the story.

Lauren Rankel, the Cinema's education and outreach coordinator, served as moderator for the program of the day. After the free screening, she ushered in and introduced the all-woman filmmaking team of Dancing Joy, Producer Kate Tsubata and her daughters Director Lan T. Lee and Editor and Film Educator Mie Smith.

The Film's Journey

The mother-and-daughters team spoke about the genesis of the film and the artists who they say co-created it. Tsubata, the producer and idea generator, explained that the idea was formed in 2005 during a family trip to the Dead Sea in Israel.

It would ultimately take 12 years to go from the idea to completion. Working on other projects provided Tsubata with the tools needed to bring her vision to life. However, it was the "terrible division and violence" she saw after the 2016 election that made her say, "We have to do it now." The year 2017 was a year of preparation.

Director Lee said that 2018 began the intense journey of creating the award-winning piece during two months of intense filming, covering over 56,000 miles, 10 nations, local venues, almost 200 dancers and overcoming language barriers. To lessen the project's

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With Sweat, Greenbelt Arts Center Continues Rolling

by Greg Young

The current season has been outstanding for the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). Greenbelt audiences have seen exceptional local theatrical talent brought together by some of the most experienced local directors performing, in several instances, original creations by local writers. GAC hosted four original productions, some of which received high praise from local reviewers. Additionally, a Best Off-Broadway play from 1972; an Arthur Miller play that won multiple Tony Awards for a Broadway revival; and now, recognized as one of the best American plays of the year, Sweat, a 2017 Pulitzer Prize Winner for Drama, is coming to GAC. A masterful depiction of the forces that divide and conquer us, it addresses issues of identity, race, economy and humanity in a Rust Belt town.

PHOTO BY BOB KLEINBERG

Actors rehearsing Sweat are, left to right, Ryan Willis, Larry laRose, Emily Canavan, Cristian Hernandez and Jacqueline Youm.

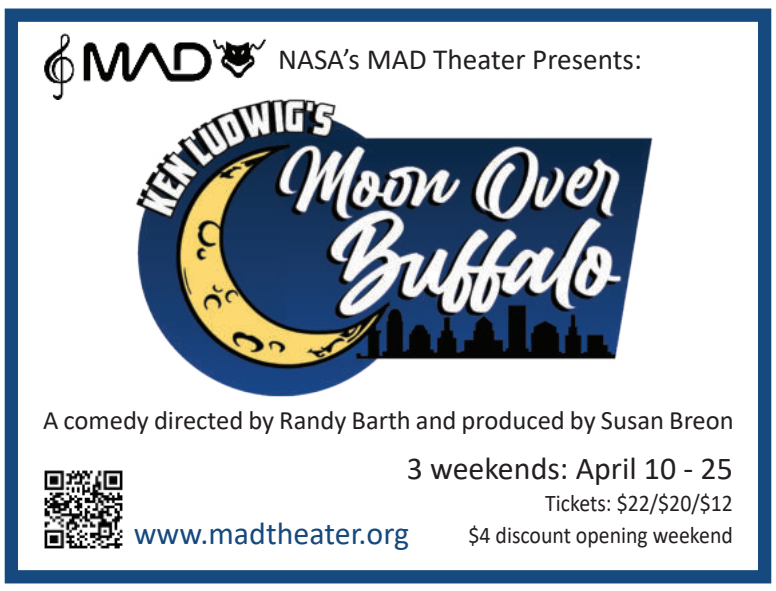
The mission of bringing such an award-winning play to the GAC stage has been accepted by Bob Kleinberg, a longtime resident of nearby Silver Spring, who is experienced in all things GAC. For decades he has volunteered to run various behind the scenes operations, but he has also acquired a long list of credits for both acting and directing at GAC. However, with all his experience, Kleinberg still needs a cast to portray the many diverse ethnic characters in Sweat. Kleinberg credits last year's productions and the current outstanding season's success for bringing attention to GAC from an actor's perspective. Recent shows have had significant increases in actors auditioning for parts. Kleinberg said Sweat had one of the biggest turnouts in recent history for auditions, with multiple actors from which to choose for every character.

The story takes place in two time periods, spring through fall of 2000 and fall of 2008. The story revolves around a bar where a small group of factory workers in a small city (Reading, Pa.) spend time together discussing their lives, sharing secrets and laughs and, of course, drinks. It is a cautionary tale to all of us in the changing political, social and economic climate. Having had the opportunity to watch the first rehearsal, a readthrough and then recently a first act runthrough, assurances can be given to the Greenbelt arts community that they once again will not be disappointed. Kleinberg has molded an excellent selection of diverse thespians into driving "a force de theatrical."

Sweat opens Friday, April 10, and runs through April 25. There will be a talkback with the cast and crew following the Sunday, April 19 performance.

Tickets are required. For more information visit greenbeltartscenter.org.

Content warning: This show contains coarse language, smoking and violence.



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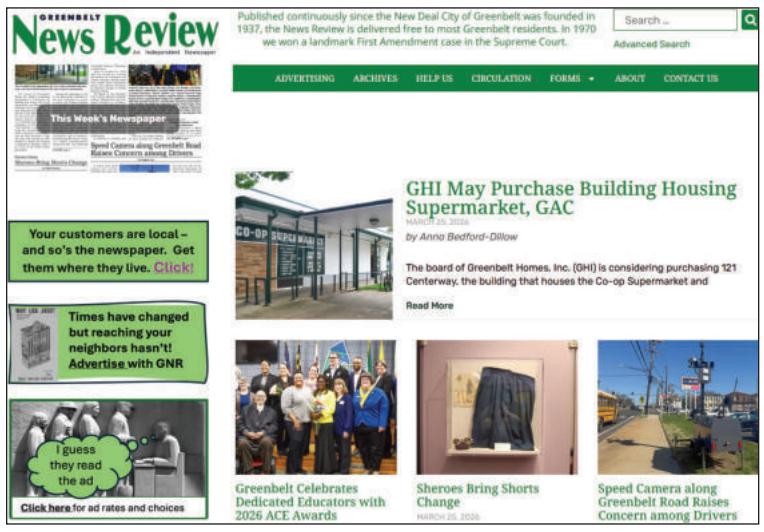
The Greenbelt News Review's webpage is poised to take a leap forward. As this week rolls along, the newspaper's existing homepage will post three online ads on its left side. Initially, at least, these ads will be for a pilot project with our current print advertisers – segueing into an open opportunity for all print advertisers as they join us. There are three sizes of ads: mini, midi and maxi with pricing to suit. These ads will also show up on cellphones and will adapt in size to the screen on which they are displayed.

The ads will not flash, spin, cascade or otherwise behave in a disturbing and reckless manner. Each ad space (there are three) can hold as many as four ads which come up randomly as you first get onto the homepage, waiting hopefully for you to click. Next time you log on, a different trio will appear.

Ad Purchase

Over the week, additional information about ad sizing, pricing and purchase will be placed in the advertising link on our website at greenbeltnewsreview.com. Clicking on the initial ads will take you to the advertising menus of the News Review website, but as advertisers chime in, clicking on their ad will take you to a location specified by the advertiser – maybe an open house for a realtor, or a menu for a restaurant. A movie. Lawnmowing. Childcare. We'll see how imaginative our local organizations are!



SCREENSHOT BY ANNE GARDNER

A screenshot of the News Review website shows where the ads will appear.

Click on the Ads

We hope our readers will respond heartily to this new opportunity to reap the benefits of Greenbelt's businesses and organizations. We anticipate with glee our current and future advertisers taking the plunge with us. Online ads are not being sold alone at this time but must be accompanied by a print ad. Online pricing is discounted by the amount of print advertising taken by the same organization because we are still proudly a paper newspaper. Our volunteer-staffed organization means costs are low in comparison to most advertising and your ads help us pay for layout, printing, delivery, software, website, rent and insurance.

Ad Inquiries

To inquire about purchasing one of our neat, spruced-up new ads, email AdSales@greenbeltnewsreview.com and we'll get back to you shortly.

One Week of Roadwork On Cherrywood Lane

Roadwork began on Tuesday, March 31, along Cherrywood Lane (from Breezewood Drive to Cherrywood Court) and will take approximately one week, contingent upon weather conditions.

The scope of work includes roadway surface preparation, milling, paving and miscellaneous concrete. During this period, motorists and residents should expect temporary traffic control measures, including lane closures, flagging operations and possible delays.

Drivers are advised to exercise caution in the work zone, adhere to posted signage and allow additional travel time.

The city expresses appreciation for residents' patience and cooperation as the infrastructure improvements are completed.

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carbon footprint, they used a small film crew who nevertheless captured extraordinary ground and aerial views without detracting from the essence of the dancers' movements. To help tell the story they incorporated views of crashing waves, mountains standing a quiet watch, a gleaming temple and even the dust on the feet of some dancers.

With painstaking attention to timing, rhythm, pace and emotion, Smith, the editor, pulled together the message, environmental shots and dancers. She gracefully hopscotches the audience through 21 cultures and varying terrains. In 2020, after 18 months, with the film finally ready to be released, the filmmakers were on their way to their first theater screening in West Virginia when they got the call that the state was closed due to Covid. Even with multiple film festival awards it would be five years before this trio would experience a live theatrical premiere, which finally occurred in Greenbelt this past Sunday. Tsubata said, "This film was always intended to give people an immersive experience. To watch people's visceral reactions was heartwarming, encouraging and exhilarating."

Modern Resonance

More than 200 years later, the four movements of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 Ode to Joy, which first premiered in 1824, continue to resonate with new and old audiences. The themes of human rights, unity and reconciliation are often associated with this symphony.

This women's project has breathed new life into the symphony, introducing it in a new way that enhances the underlying intended messages, which sometimes shout and at other times gently whisper the hope and joy that is a love letter to the world and humanity. As one audience member stated during the question-and-answer portion of the program, "My eyes have never feasted on so much."

A Gift of Peace

"What if our world was truly at peace? What would humanity do if we were all free? What would we do without hatred and division bringing misery, suffering and poverty in our lives?" These were the questions that propelled Tsubata's quest to discover the answers.

Tsubata said, "My long-term hope is that what we portray in the movie would become the reality in the world, that all people could dance together and all people could celebrate together, value each other, live in joy. If that could happen as a result of our movie, I would be very, very happy."

The film is available to rent or buy on the Vimeo on-demand video site. The team is open to bringing the film for screenings at other locations and invites folks to reach out to them via dancingjoymovie.com.

The free film screening was made possible through the Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program.

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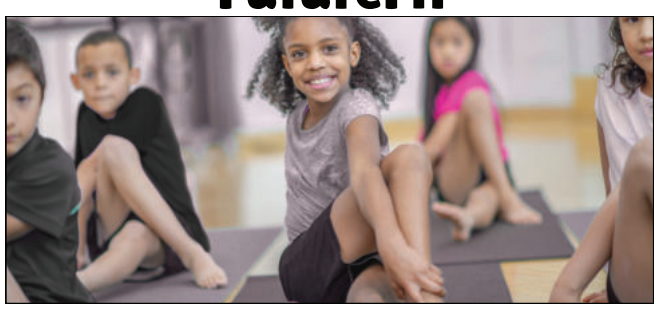

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March 31st - May 23rd

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Registration QR-Code

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"This project is supported by a grant from The Greenbelt Community Foundation."

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GREENBELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Are you a local nonprofit that could use $500-5000 in seed money for a project or endeavor? If so, the Greenbelt Community Foundation is here for you. Our spring grant cycle is going on right now (deadline April 15), and we're looking to give out money to worthy causes. Contact us at greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com or visit https://greenbeltfoundation.org for information on how to apply.

Nugent & Kash OF COMPASS

Andrew and Kim are putting the finishing touches on half a dozen new listings in Greenbelt!

If you are considering a purchase, this is your time! Prices and rates are both stabilizing --while rent continues to rise.

Let us help you to find your home.

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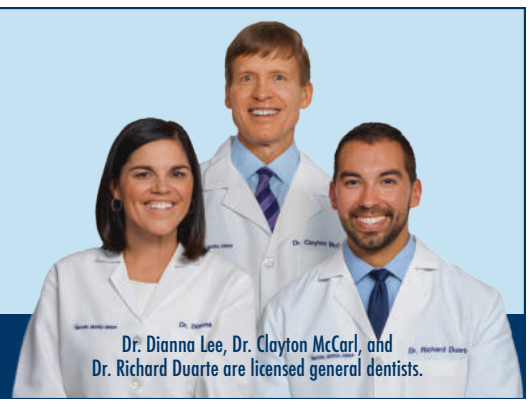

Dr. Dianna Lee, Dr. Clayton McCarl, and Dr. Richard Duarte are licensed general dentists.

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the Korean War. He was a radio operator on the USS Oriskany and was honorably discharged in 1952. He continued his service in the Navy Reserves for several years.

John was an usher in church where he met a cute girl named Ruth Fadden. With a playful spirit, he would nudge the offertory collection basket toward her and shake it to capture her attention. He married Ruth, the love of his life, on December 1, 1956, and they had their first child, Jacquelyn Waters, in 1957. When she was 18 months old, they moved into the Lakewood subdivision in Greenbelt into the first completed house on the street. They had two sons, Larry Waters and Shawn Waters, in the early 1960s and the family of five enjoyed everything Greenbelt had to offer young families. He was proud of his family. The neighbors were very friendly and the family made special life-long friends with the neighbors on the street and elsewhere in Greenbelt.

He worked for Pepco for a short while. In 1959, John joined the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C., where he served with dedication and courage. He walked a beat in all seasons and weather, soon joining the K-9 Division in the second K-9 training class. Alongside his police dog, Major, he solved numerous cases. During his service, he was proud to be assigned to the funeral detail for President John F. Kennedy. He also served during the civil unrest of the 1960s, including the riots along 14th and U Streets where the area was badly burned and the only thing left standing was Ben's Chili Bowl, where it still stands today. Later, he transferred to the communications division. He retired after nearly 20 years due to a disability.

John's love for the outdoors remained a constant throughout his life. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. The backyard in Lakewood was home to a variety of animals, including a pet owl, chickens and even a rooster and a brood of baby chicks.

As a skilled communicator, John spent many hours in the Lakewood house connecting with people around the world using Morse code, carefully transcribing his conversations. As a dedicated ham radio operator, his broadcasts were well known in the neighborhood – sometimes interrupting the neighbors' TV shows.

In 2022, John was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. His daughter, Jacquelyn, became his devoted caregiver spending each evening by his side where they shared simple joys. She dutifully watched every episode of his favorite TV show, Big Bang Theory, with him, often laughing together.

John was a proud life-long member of the American Legion Post 136 in Greenbelt, dating back to when the club operated out of a converted farmhouse. During the last several years, Jacquelyn brought him there regularly, every Friday and Saturday for dinner as well as Sunday mornings for breakfast where he enjoyed meals, companionship and camaraderie of fellow veterans and friends who always welcomed him warmly.

The family were members of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church since 1959 when the parish gathered in the Center Elementary School, which is now the Community Center.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Ruth Waters of Melbourne, Fla.; daughter Jacquelyn Waters of Greenbelt and Melbourne; his sons Shawn of Melbourne and Larry (wife Joy) of Hayden, Idaho; and his granddaughters Minna Dalton (and her son Koda with a new baby expected in June) of Spokane, Wash., Alura Waters of Missoula, Mont., and step granddaughter Melody Gimlin of Arizona (husband Dan and son Vincent).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on April 10, 2026, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 5330 Babcock St, NE, Palm Bay, Fla.

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under a contract with the city. Obvio also operates automated traffic enforcement cameras in College Park. Under the agreement with Greenbelt, Obvio owns and manages the camera equipment and processes violation data, while city officials make the final decision on whether a citation is issued. The contract allows for multiple cameras to be installed, though only a limited number can be active for enforcement at any given time. The contract was presented to council on January 28.

Data Handling

The agreement also includes provisions for data handling and review. Violations are first processed by the vendor and then reviewed by an authorized city employee before being approved. City officials said data collected by the cameras can only be accessed for stop sign enforcement purposes. Under a 2025 state law, a subpoena or warrant is required to use that data for any other purpose.

Costs

Financially, the program is structured so that program costs are recovered through citation revenue. Under the contract, the vendor is paid $8.50 for each processed violation, along with $1,000 per month for each active camera, with the remaining citation revenue going to the city. The News Review estimates that with the city keeping $31.50 from each citation they would need to issue a minimum of 32 citations a month to cover their costs. The contract defines processed violations as those prepared and ready for approval, which means the city could stand to lose money ($8.50) every time it declines to issue a citation that is processed by the cameras.

The initial contract term runs for 12 months from installation, with the option to renew annually. The announcement drew nearly 50 comments on the city's Facebook page, with residents showing support for stricter enforcement and skepticism about the need for cameras. Greenbelt officials say the program is expected to reduce crashes and improve pedestrian safety.

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PHOTO BY FRANK GERVASI

Proposed New Deal Heritage Center

location for a National New Deal Heritage Center, and the Armory the perfect building. Accessible from major highways, 20 minutes from the Capitol, it could enable people to learn more about that extraordinary time in our living history and draw them into Greenbelt, helping us economically.

We are asking the city council to endorse this idea. First steps would be soliciting grant money from the county to develop a plan, designing what it could look like, advertising nationally and installing a "Future Home Of" sign.

Our mission in establishing a New Deal Heritage Center is to honor and demonstrate Roosevelt's vision and deeds of fostering a society with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Frank Gervasi

Bra, Menstrual Product, Diaper Drive in April

The Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF) will hold its fifth bra and menstrual product donation drive from April 6 through April 26. GARF will also collect diapers for the Route 1 Mutual Aid project.

GARF will be on the Co-op Supermarket ramp on Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 26 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to receive donations. Donations can also be dropped off at bins at the Co-op Supermarket, the Fitness & Aquatic Center, the Youth Center and the Community Center April 6 through April 30.

For more information, email greenbeltarf@gmail.com.

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financial assistance for families for Recreation programs, $10,000 in contractor costs for the Learn 2 Earn program, $5,000 for senior trips and enhanced recreation offerings including more spots in circus camps and field trips.

Salmerón also mentioned that some items could not be covered: stipends for Learn 2 Earn that were previously covered by ARPA funds and staffing for the Schrom Hills clubhouse.

Sections of the budget will be reviewed at worksessions over the next two months with the aim to approve the budget at the May 26 council meeting.

Other items were also addressed at the March 23 meeting. March was declared Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. Ify Nwabukwu, executive director of the African Women's Cancer Awareness Association, was present to accept the proclamation. March 31 was recognized as Transgender Day of Visibility. Council also authorized the city manager to approve a contract with VMP Construction Management for roadwork improvement at Cherrywood Lane.

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Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported three deaths; three domestic incidents, one resulting in arrest and one with a mental health diversion; and two additional mental health diversions.

Burglary

On March 25 at 11:05 a.m. near 8150 Lakecrest Drive, a man wearing a blue, black and red jersey broke into the boiler room but fled prior to officer arrival.

Attempted Break-in

On March 29 at 2:07 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, two men tried to break into a liquor store. One man used a sledgehammer and the other kicked the window, causing damage to the front glass, but they could not gain entry. They fled in a newer model blacked-out Acura.

Indecent Exposure with Arrest

On March 26 at 5:47 p.m. near 9178 Springhill Lane, a man flashed his genitals at an adult and a young person and fled the area in a silver-colored truck, which officers located. Out of multiple individuals in the truck, the man was identified and arrested.

Theft

On March 25 at 11:41 a.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a man tried to steal merchandise and officers found him; he was charged, released, given a trespass notice and banned from the store.

On March 25 at 10:55 a.m. near 7573 Greenbelt Road, two men and a woman selected merchandise and left without paying; at 12:02 p.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, a man stole 36 candles valued at approximately $900 and fled in a blue Toyota; near 7583 Greenbelt Road, a woman was reported to have stolen merchandise.

On March 26 at 12:13 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a man concealed food items and tried to flee on his bicycle but was arrested.

On March 28 at 6:10 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, someone was stopped for shoplifting; all items were recovered.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicles

Four vehicles were stolen: on March 25 near 7824 Hanover Parkway, a blue 2024 Honda HR-V (Md. 4GG1603), and near 129 Westway, a gray 2019 Hyundai Elantra (Va. UEF7886); on March 27 near 7513 Mandan Road, a black Honda Accord (Md. 2EL9267); and on March 28 near 5813 Cherrywood Lane, a 2014 gold Jeep Grand Cherokee (Md. 73568CL).

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

On March 27 at 7:57 a.m. near 6940 Hanover Parkway, a 2026 Acura MDX (Md. 00663CN) was stolen. Prince George's Police Department recovered it with ignition damage, a smashed window and missing front plate.

Theft from Auto

License plates were stolen: on March 25 near 7808 Hanover Parkway (Md. 1XC446) from a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado; and near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway; on March 26 near 7814 Hanover Parkway from a 2017 Toyota Corolla; and on March 27 near 5440 Stream Bank Lane (Md. 3ED9212) from a 2019 Honda HRV.

Airbags were stolen from two Hondas: on March 26 near 7809 Mandan Road, from a 2026 CRV, and on March 27 near 6219 Springhill Court, from a 2025 Civic (a wallet was also stolen).

On March 25 near 6320 Golden Triangle Drive, all four tires were stolen from a 2026 Honda Civic.

On March 27 near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a 2015 Jeep Wrangler was left unlocked; someone stole a purse and a phone.

Vandalism to Auto

On March 29 near 5901 Cherrywood Lane, a Dodge Charger had a window shattered and the driver door handle damaged.

ServSafe Food Certification Course

On Thursdays, April 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, you can sharpen your food safety knowledge and earn your ServSafe Certification with a comprehensive, instructor-led course.

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Greenbelt Corp Pays $4 Million Over "Unnecessary Procedures"

PHOTO BY LAURA CHARLESTON

An office building on Hanover Parkway houses the Center for Vein Restoration.

CVR Management, LLC, of Greenbelt, along with the Center for Vein Restoration, Center for Vascular Medicine (CVM), LLC and Sanjiv Lakhanpal have agreed to pay the United States government $4 million in a settlement over allegations they billed Medicare, Medicaid and TRICARE for medically unnecessary vein treatment procedures. The Center for Vein Restoration is a multi-state collection of physician-led vein treatment practices and medical centers specializing in diagnosing and treating vein disease. It operates 16 locations in Maryland. The CVM is a related practice group, specializing in the treatment of deep venous and arterial disorders in the legs, feet and pelvic areas. CVM operates several offices located in Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. Lakhanpal is the entities' CEO and president and CVM's chair of the board. He leads the Greenbelt location of CVM, located at 7300 Hanover Drive.

The case came after complaints filed by two former employees and whistleblowers.

According to the government, over a six-year period, CVR submitted claims to Medicare, Medicaid and TRICARE for chronic venous insufficiency treatment procedures that were medically unnecessary.

Patients were treated for chronic venous insufficiency and symptoms such as varicose veins, cramping, swelling, skin discoloration, ulcers or skin necrosis on the legs. Between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2016, the government alleges CVR knowingly billed Medicare, Medicaid and TRICARE for sclerotherapy, radiofrequency ablation and endovenous laser ablation procedures that were not clinically indicated and were medically unnecessary. Neither Medicare, Medicaid nor TRICARE cover the treatment of varicose veins for cosmetic reasons alone.

"Billing for medically unnecessary procedures saps public confidence in the health care system and is a drain on [public funds]," said Kelly O. Hayes, U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland, who announced the settlement on Friday, March 20. "We will hold accountable health care providers that knowingly engage in such conduct."

The federal share of the civil settlement is $3,395,634.93. The total Medicaid recovery is $604,365.07, with eight Medicaid participating states and the District of Columbia slated to receive $325,208.84 of the civil settlement and the United States $279,156.23 of the Medicaid recovery. State Medicaid programs are jointly funded by the federal and state governments.

Under the qui tam, or whistleblower provisions of the False Claims Act, a private party can file an action on behalf of the United States and receive a portion of any recovery. In this case the two former employees, Karen Fulton and Jane Doe, will receive a $752,000 share of the settlement.

The claims resolved by this settlement are allegations only and there has been no determination of liability.

Information for this article was gathered from the Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office, among other sources.

City Notes

Constituent Services hosted a citywide tour for a county council member and Public Safety/Community spoke at CARES Learn 2 Earn ceremony. Constituent Services, two council members and CARES attended Greenbelt Middle School's Higher Achievement event.

Code Enforcement inspected five commercial suites and 19 rentals and issued six permits. Animal Shelter residents are five cats, two kittens and a dog.

Public Works de-winterized the outdoor pool and Streets Crew installed manhole safety rings around the city.

Recreation attended a Maryland Department of Health summer camp training and processed over 500 registrations for this year's camps.

Arts hosted an artist talk, Parents' Night Out, a Springhill Lake Elementary field trip and two free dance workshops. Therapeutic Recreation offered seniors a field trip and an art social.

Rangers expanded patrol hours, installed audio-visual improvements in the council chamber and removed an abandoned canoe from the lake.

CARES attended Bowie's Youth Job Fair, recruiting several vendors for a similar event in Greenbelt.

Luminis Hosts Third Annual Community Baby Shower

Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center is partnering with Reid Temple A.M.E to host its third annual Community Baby Shower on Saturday, April 11 from noon to 4 p.m. at the church's campus in Glenn Dale.

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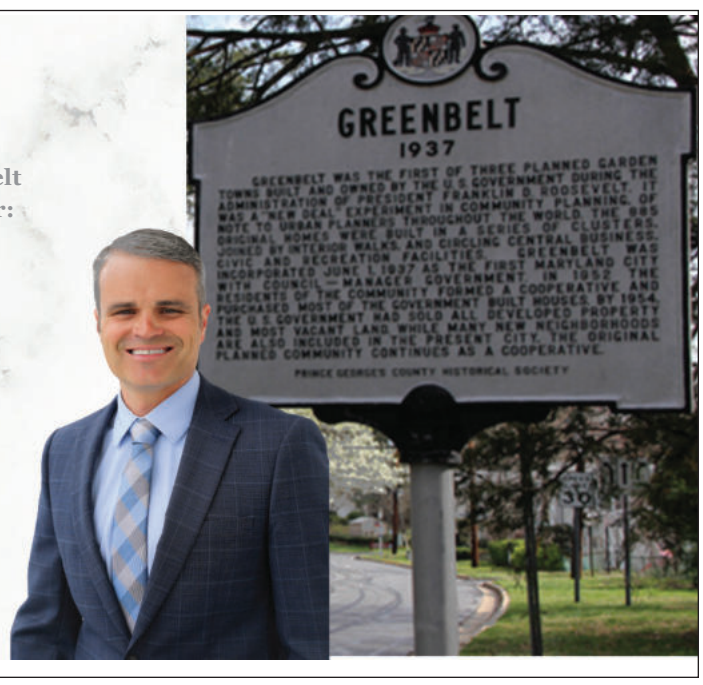

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notice," said Kemari Legg, who lives near the project. "But also, on the weekend, you're going to do something."

"We woke up, and as Kemari said, there was a crane, and it just like, took the house down," said Kelly Brower, another nearby resident.

The home had been bought to create a staging area for work on the standpipe, which stores and supplies water for the city. While broader project information was shared publicly, residents say immediate neighbors received little direct, timely communication or added specifics.

Sandblasting Work

More recently, residents say sandblasting work to remove old paint from the standpipe has created sustained noise levels exceeding 100 decibels outdoors. Decibels varied depending on their house location and where within the house the resident stood.

"That sander causes around over 100 decibels of sound in that area," Legg said. "From our house, it was 100 decibels."

Inside homes, residents reported levels between 60 and 80 decibels for hours at a time, accompanied by physical vibrations of the sandblasting.

"For us, it was 65 decibels in the house, 85 decibels outside of the house, and it was just constant," said Brower. "We're not as close, but you could still feel it. It's like a vibration and shaking for eight straight hours."

Impacts on Residents

The noise has affected daily life, particularly for families with young children and pets. Without timely notice, residents need to brace for the noise impact or create an impromptu plan of action.

Residents were provided with earplugs, said Legg, but they are not entirely effective with children and toddlers.

"We both have toddlers and young babies as well," Legg said. "So, it's not something that you can just put headphones over them easily."

Residents say the response from project representatives has been inconsistent. In one instance, residents said they were informed of ongoing work only after it had already started.

"This is going to be a two-day job today and tomorrow," Brower recalled being told. The work ultimately extended beyond that timeframe without clear follow-up communication.

Residents emphasized that their frustration is not with the necessity of the project itself, but with the lack of communication surrounding it.

"At the very least, they can let us know when it's happening, so I can make a plan to be gone as much as possible," Brower said.

Other impacts include, but are not limited to, disrupted sleep schedules, inability to use outdoor spaces and stress on pets.

Legg has moved his daughter's nap location to the basement because it is 80 decibels in her room.

"You can't relax in your own home," said Brower.

Outreach, Operations

WSSC facilitated various city and outreach meetings since 2023 to inform Greenbelt about the rehabilitation project and types of construction to expect. The last meeting was held virtually on November 12, 2025.

The construction contractors use a digital sound level meter to ensure they stay within 90dB at 100 feet from the source, says WSSC. In the next phase of work, which begins late spring/early summer, they will work on other methods to reduce noise and its impact on the community.

Construction hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with potential work on Saturdays, according to WSSC.

Prior to demolition, lead and asbestos were found in the house and standpipe. Careful removal, testing and disposal of both were strictly followed in accordance with all federal and state safety/environmental regulations, says WSSC.

"We understand this work has been disruptive at times, and we sincerely apologize to the community for that impact. We are committed to doing better with advance notification, especially ahead of louder construction activities, so residents know what to expect and when," said Lyn Riggins, WSSC section manager, External Communications and Livestream Operations.

So far, the project is 40 percent complete.

While acknowledging the importance of maintaining public infrastructure, residents say clearer, more consistent communication would significantly reduce the burden.

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WSSC Water operates a 24/7 Emergency Call Center and should be contacted for any water/sewer emergencies at emergencycallcenter@wsscwater.com or 301-206-4002.

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District 22 Races

Locally, State Sen. Alonzo Washington is running for reelection. Republican Jim Wass is also seeking the seat.

In the House of Delegates race, four Democrats, Tracy Gant, Craig Hayes and Molly McKee-Seabrook, along with incumbent Ashanti Martinez, are competing for three seats. Two current delegates will not be seeking reelection. Anne Healey is retiring after 35 years in the House and Nicole Williams is running for Congress in Maryland's 5th District.

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Repair Café At Makerspace

The next free Greenbelt Makerspace Repair Café is on Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to noon (note shorter hours) at the Granite Building, 115 Centerway. Learn how to repair your tired or broken stuff or help repair others' items. See tools.greenbeltmakers.org for more information.

Borrow tools and other things at the Tool Library on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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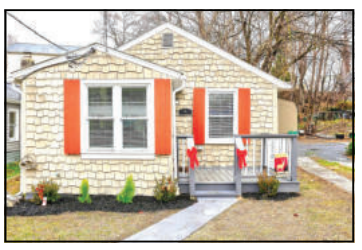
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No Kings Protest in Greenbelt

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An estimated 400 to 500 protesters came out to the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive on Saturday, March 28, for the third No Kings Day. In addition to voicing their opposition to the current administration, participants also expressed their opposition to the U.S. Park Police colluding with ICE in apprehending citizens and immigrants and using Greenbelt Park as a base of operations. Automobile horns could be heard blaring during the two-hour protest as passersby expressed their support.

PHOTO BY NICK HALL NH

So many people showed up that protesters had to sprawl out across the intersection.

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A Vietnam veteran poses with his sign.

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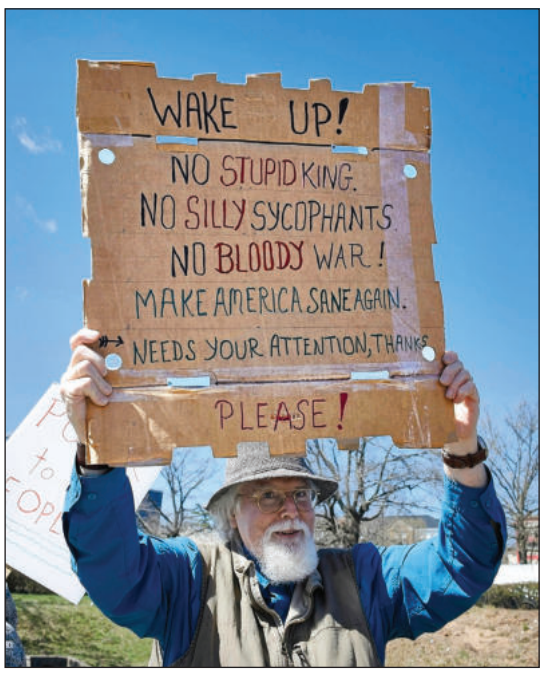
Hundreds of protesters lined up along the road with inventive signs.



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A protester poses with a sign.

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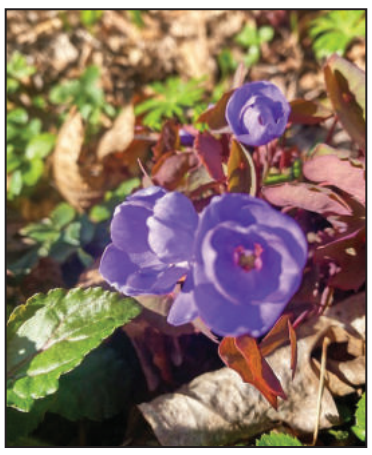
From Mary Lou's garden:



Twinleaf (Jeffersonia). The native variety has white petals.

Native bloodroot and one blue Siberian squill

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In addition to the protest on Greenbelt Road on Saturday, March 28, for the third No Kings Day, another group of 30 protestors took their message to the Spellman Overpass.